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Returns to Old School

Johnson Signs Education Bill

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Texan to CIA

LBJ Ranch — President Johnson flew back to Washington today, taking with him a Texan as director of America's spy corps, the Central Intelligence Agency, and carrying the official copy of the \$13 billion education aid bill.

In a nostalgic outdoor ceremony, the President signed the bill Sunday with his first school teacher—now 72—at his side.

And he asked the nation's educational leadership to duplicate his own "sense of urgency" by implementing the historic legislation into law.

"By this act, we bridge the gap between helplessness and hope for more than five million educationally deprived children," he said.

Only Passport

The ceremony was held at an old one-room tin-sided "junction" school near his birthplace in the Hill Country west of Austin.

After the ceremony, Mr. Johnson revealed that he has asked Texas-born Adm. William Francis Raborn Jr. (U.S.N., retired) to become CIA director, replacing John McCone.

Raborn, now vice-president of the Aerojet General Corp., of Pasadena, Cal., left the Navy 18 months ago. He had been deputy chief of naval operations and was director of the Navy's special projects division, which handled development of Polaris missiles.

"He said he had known Mr. Johnson 'about 15 years.'"

Raborn, who flew to Texas Saturday, said that he was born near Decatur and that he and his wife, the former Mildred T. Terrell, vote in Baytown.

Mr. Johnson also announced appointment of Richard M. Helms, present CIA deputy director for plans, as deputy director, succeeding Lt. Gen. Marshall S. Carter.

Teaching Desires

The President gave substance to published reports that he would like to become a college teacher after his term in office. He said during the education bill ceremony:

"As a former teacher—and, I hope, a future one—I have great expectations of what this law will mean for our young people."



Adm William F. Raborn Jr.

Replaces CIA's McCone

After he signed the bill, sitting at a rustic wooden table and bench, he handed the pen to his first teacher, Mrs. Kate Deadrich Loney, 72, who had spent the day on a grand tour of the LBJ country as only the President knows how to show the territory.

Former Pupils

Standing nearby were about 50 former Johnson pupils and their families from his old schools in Cotulla and Houston and former classmates at Southwestern State College at San Marcos.

Seated on old-fashioned grade school open-end desks were the elder Johnson daughter, Lynda, Adm. Raborn, and two leaders of the fight for the bill.

They are Rep. Carl Albert of Oklahoma, House majority leader, "without whose efforts we never would have passed this bill," and Sen. Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota, who spoke at the University of Texas Saturday on "The Intellectual and Politics."

About 100 tourists and people Mr. Johnson called "some of my dear friends" also watched the ceremony, two miles from the LBJ ranchhouse on the Pedernales River.

Legality Checked

The President said he planned the Palm Sunday ceremony after checking its legality with the attorney general, and its morality with his minister.

"I have chosen this time and this place for two reasons. First, I do not wish to delay for a single day the program to strengthen this nation's elementary and secondary schools."

"As the son of a tenant farmer," he said, "I know that education is the only way out from poverty."

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the United States, I believe deeply that no law I have signed or will ever sign means more to the future of America."

"Second, I felt a very strong desire to go back to the beginnings of my own education—to be reminded and to remind others of that magic time when the world of learning began to open before our eyes."

"In this one-room schoolhouse Miss Kate Deadrich taught eight grades at one and the same time. I started school when I was 4 years old, and they tell me, Miss Kate, that I recited my first lessons while sitting on your lap."

New Commitment

He called the bill, which won both House and Senate passage within the last three weeks, "the most sweeping educational bill ever to come before Congress... a major new commitment of the federal government to quality and equality in the schooling that we offer our young people."

Sunday morning, with Mrs. Loney and her husband—who now lives near Rough and Ready, Cal.—and his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Birge Alexander of Fort Worth, the President and Mrs. Johnson attended services at the First Methodist Church of Johnson City.

Tour of Ranch

Then, wearing on his lapel a cross made from palm leaves, the President drove his visitors on a long tour of Johnson City and his beloved ranch. Mrs. David Brinkley, wife of the television commentator, also accompanied them.

They stopped to inspect a new wing of the Pedernales Electric Cooperative, Inc., where new markers commemorate Mr. Johnson's leadership in bringing electric power to the area.

And they inspected Mr. Johnson's old boyhood home, which under Mrs. Johnson's direction is being renovated and restored.

Before lunch the President headed his white Lincoln Continental onto the Lewis Ranch he has purchased, and with 35 cars of tourists and reporters in lusty pursuit, drove through the aliche rocks and mesquite trees.

He then drove to the ranch, but stopped long enough to use his special automobile horn to call up the Hereford cows which graze across Ranch Road 1 from his home.

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